

2018 - Late Winter Water Supply Outlook

Water Policy Interim Committee

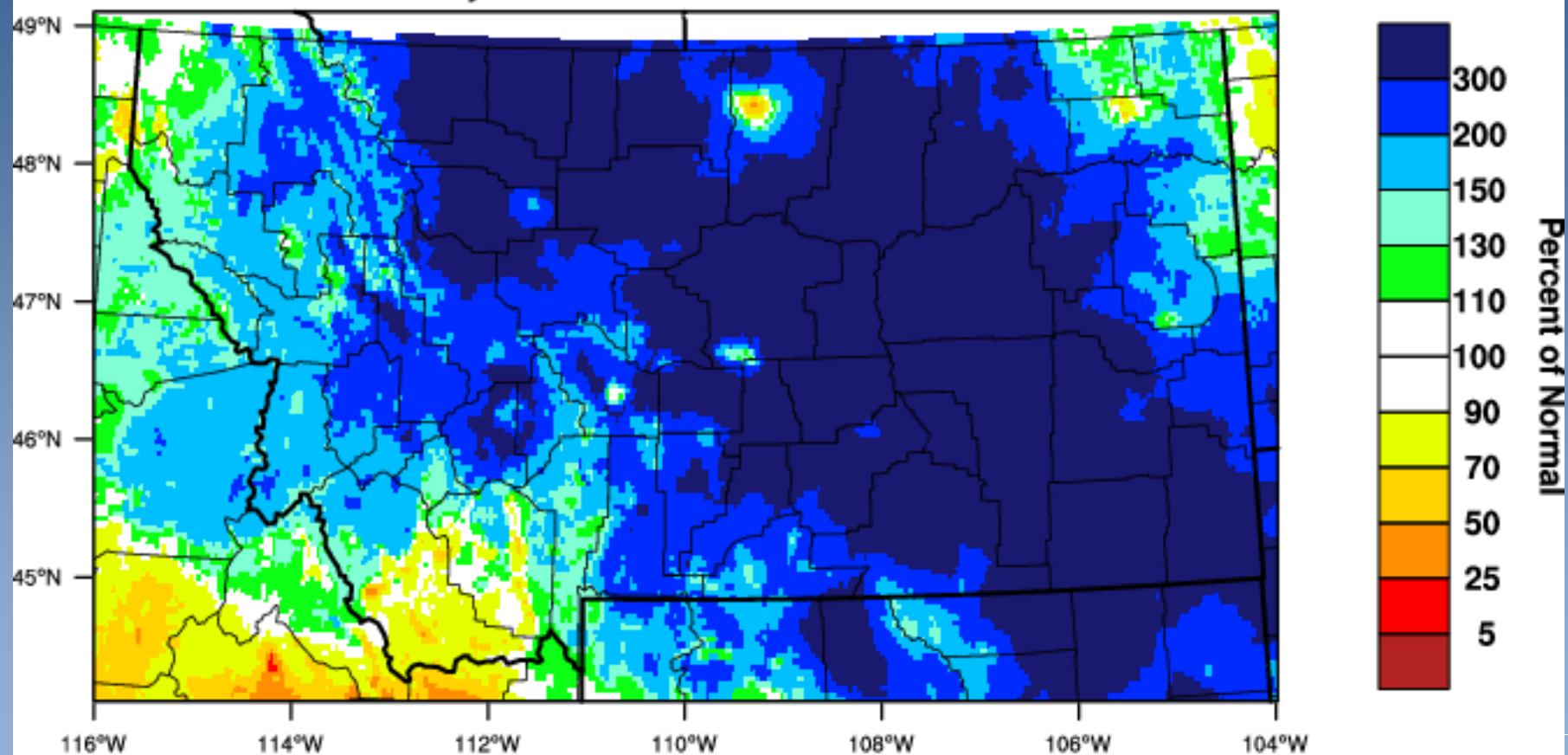
February 5, 2018

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Montana - Precipitation

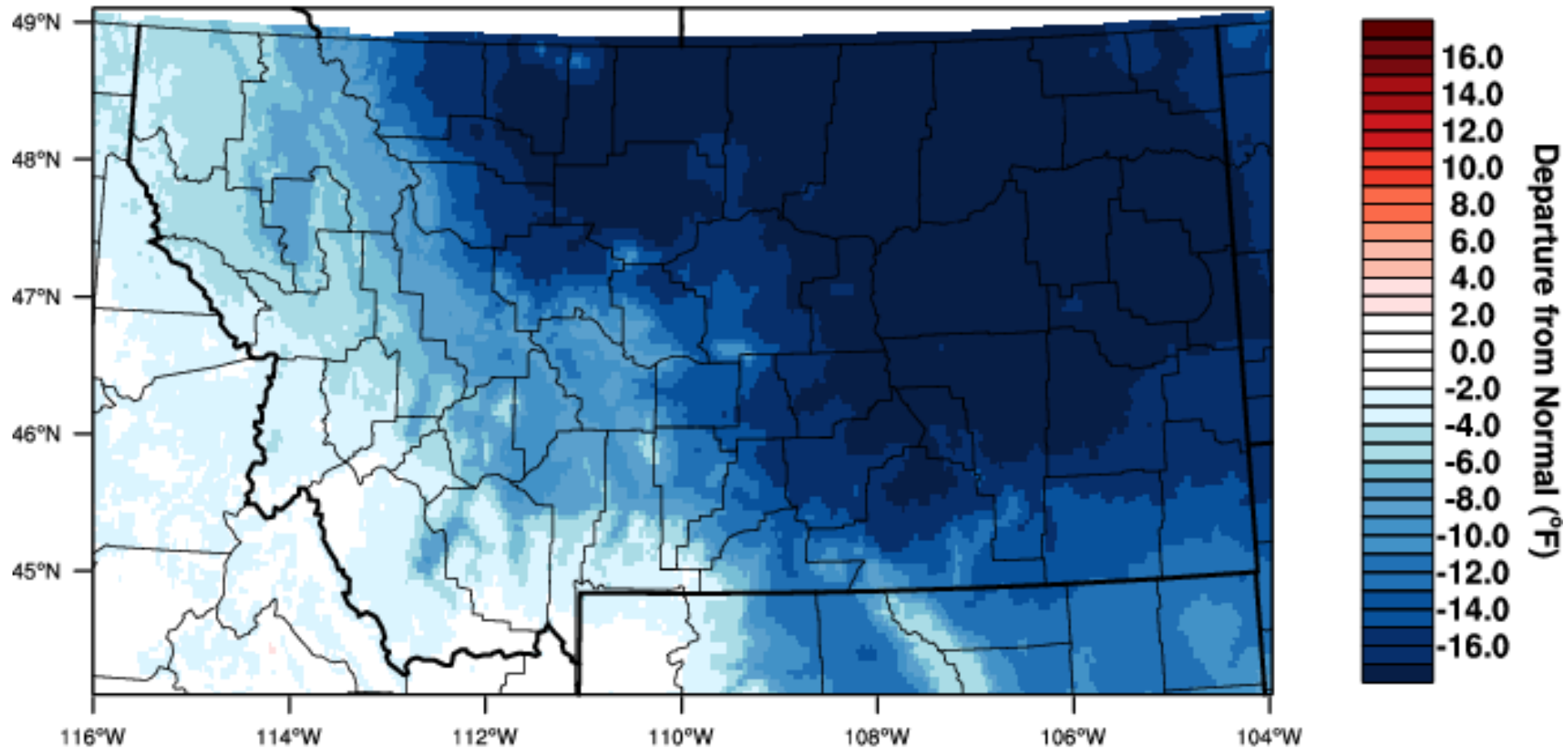
February 2018 Percent of 1981-2010 Normal



WestWide Drought Tracker, U Idaho/WRCC Data Source: PRISM (Prelim), created 2 MAR 2018

Montana - Mean Temperature

February 2018 Departure from 1981-2010 Normal

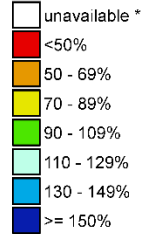


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Westwide SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

Mar 01, 2018

Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE)
Basin-wide Percent
of 1981-2010 Median



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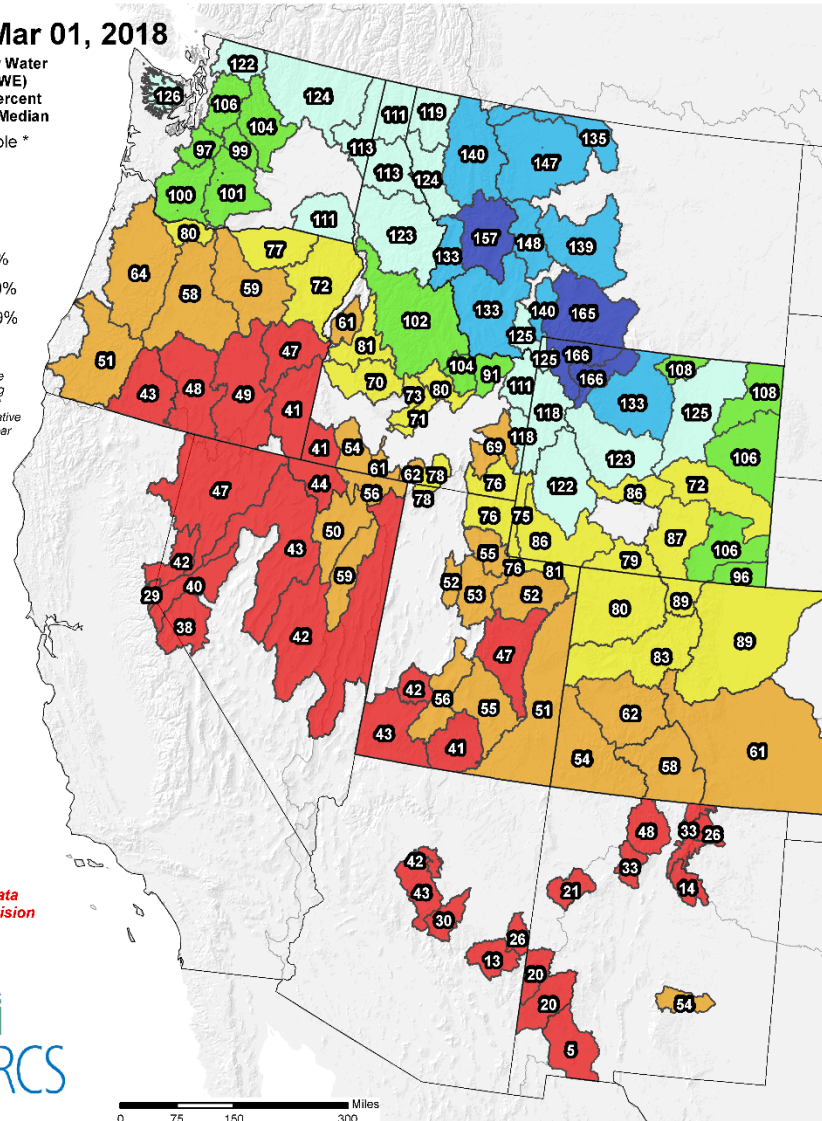
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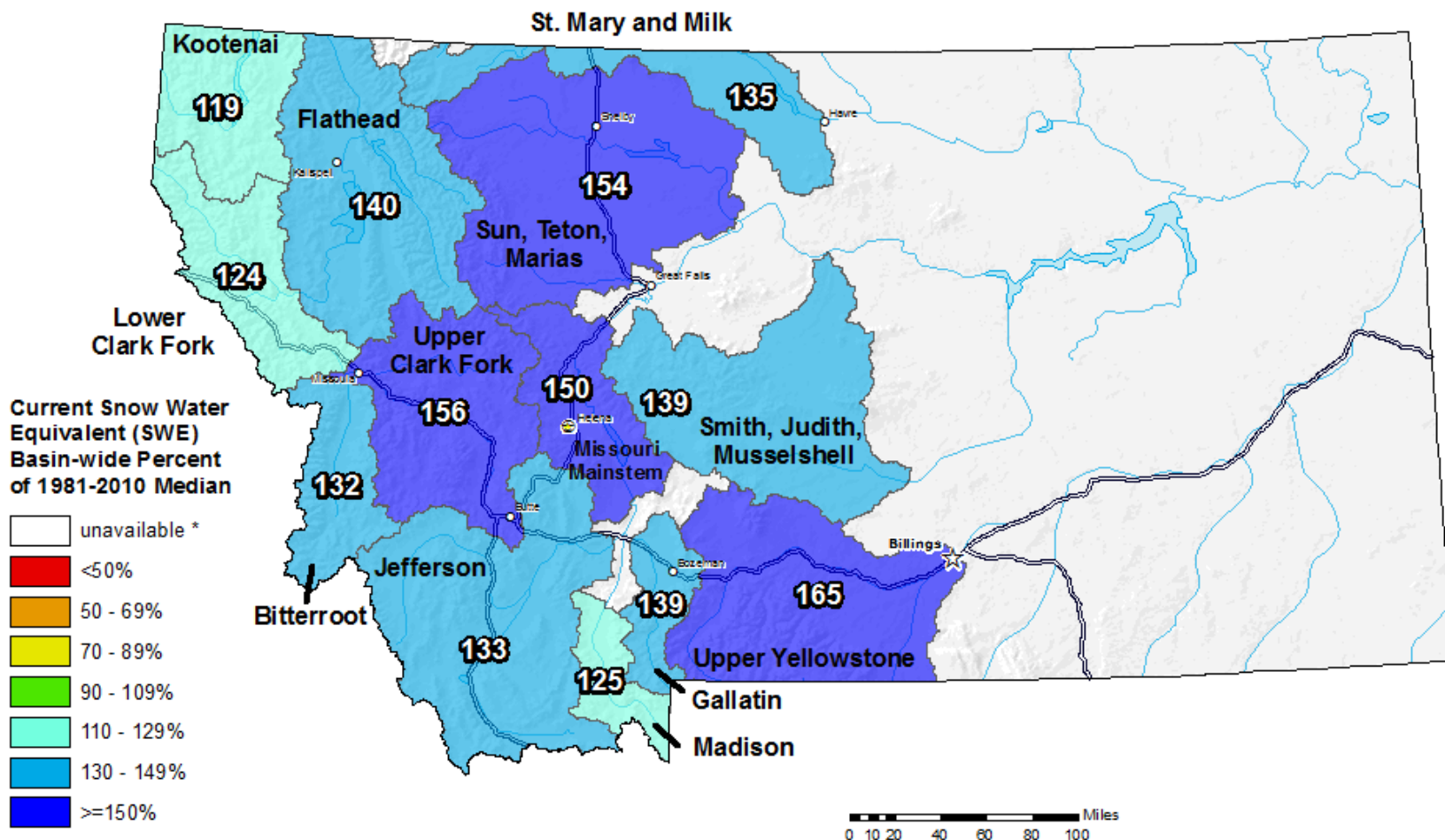
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Montana SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

Mar 02, 2018



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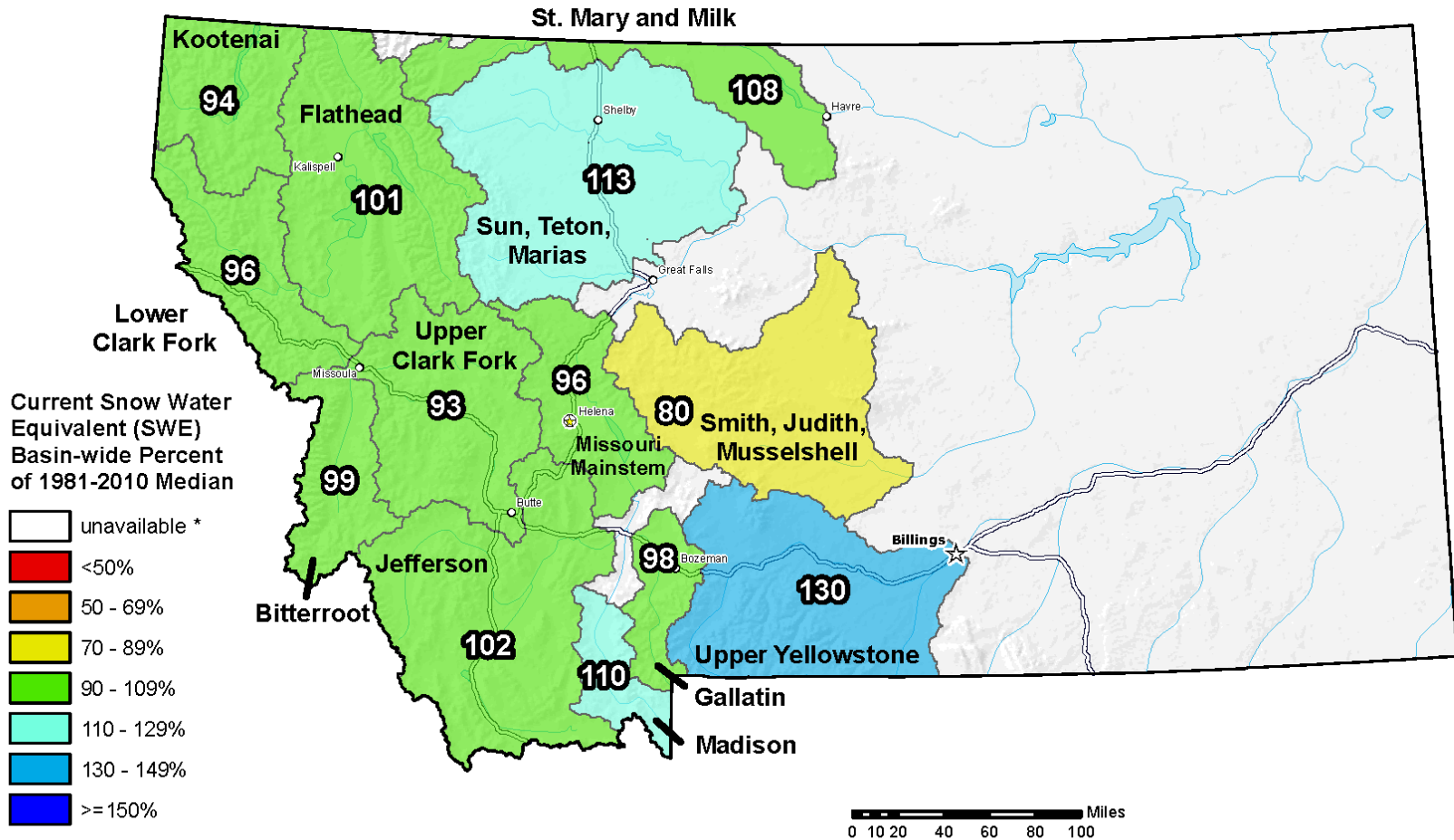


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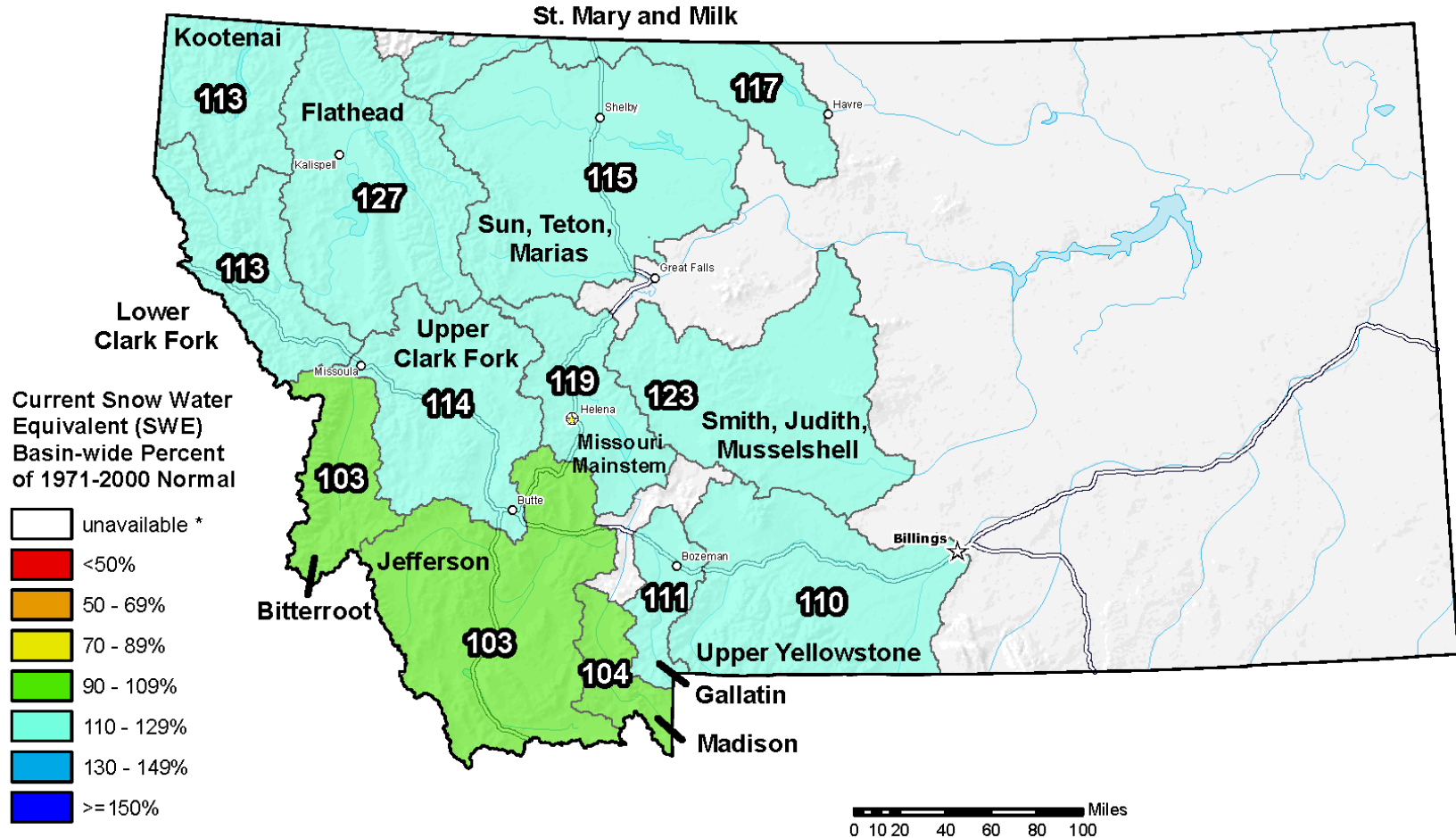


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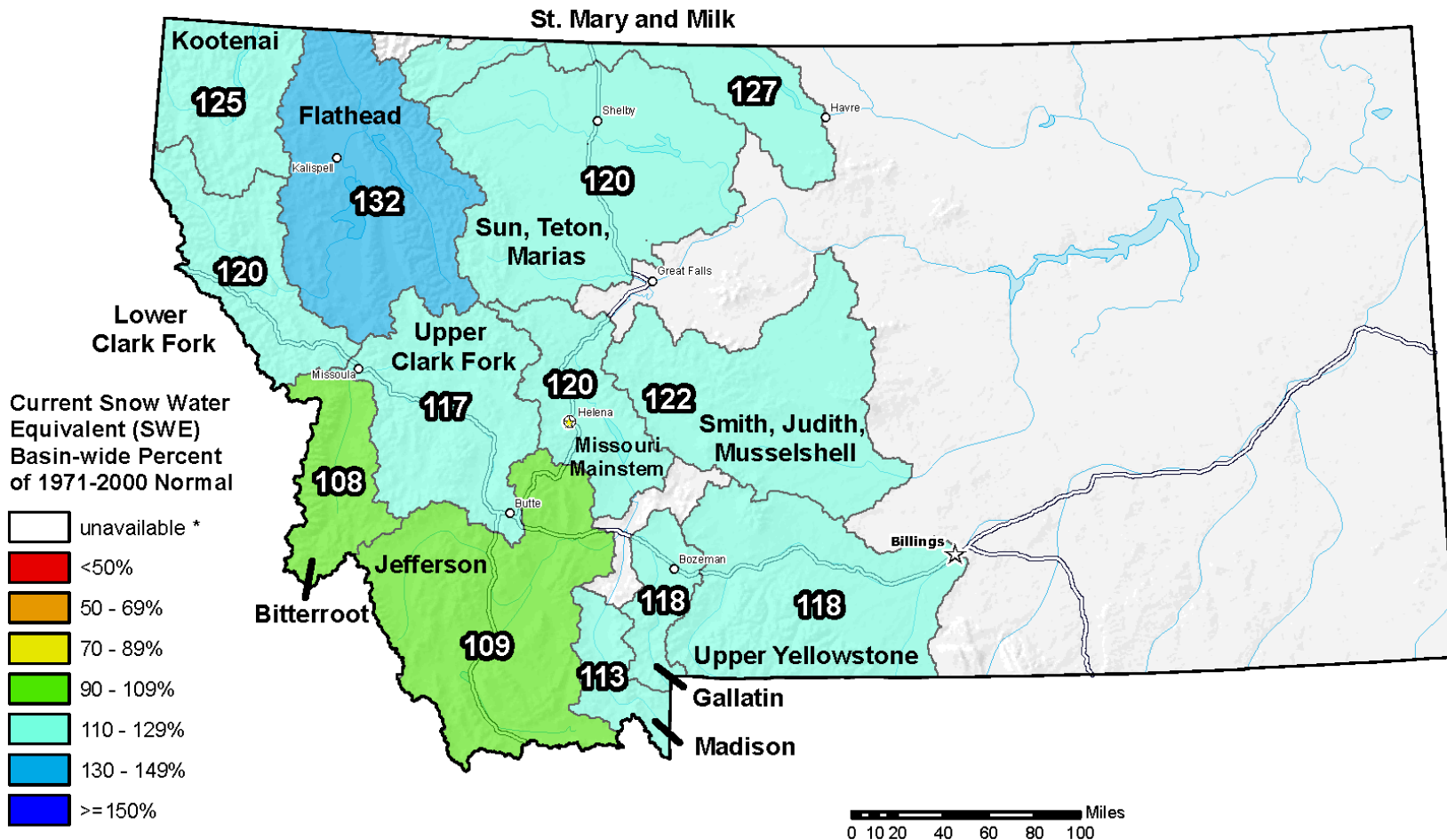


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Montana SNOTEL Current Snow Water Equivalent (SWE) % of Normal

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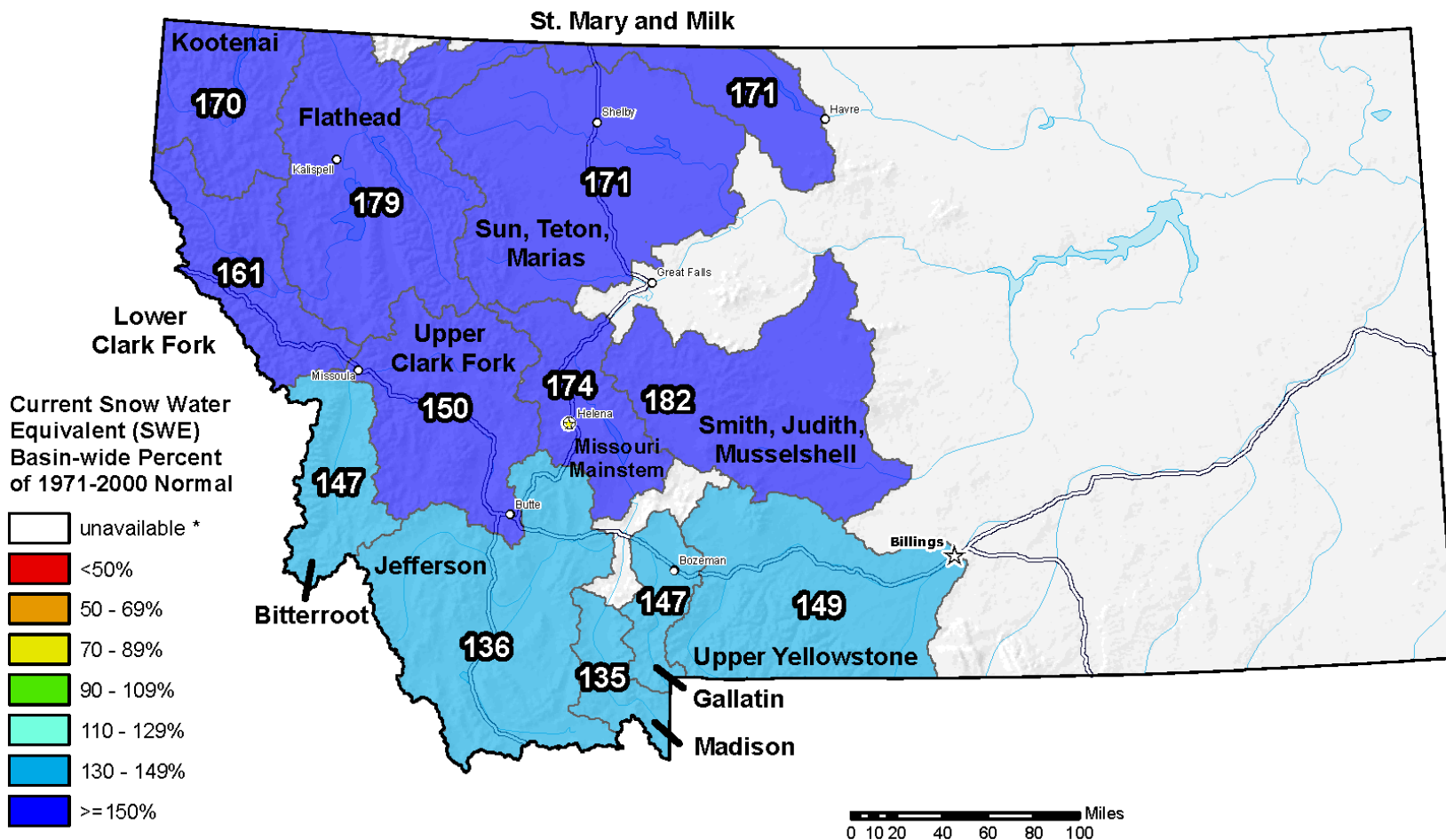


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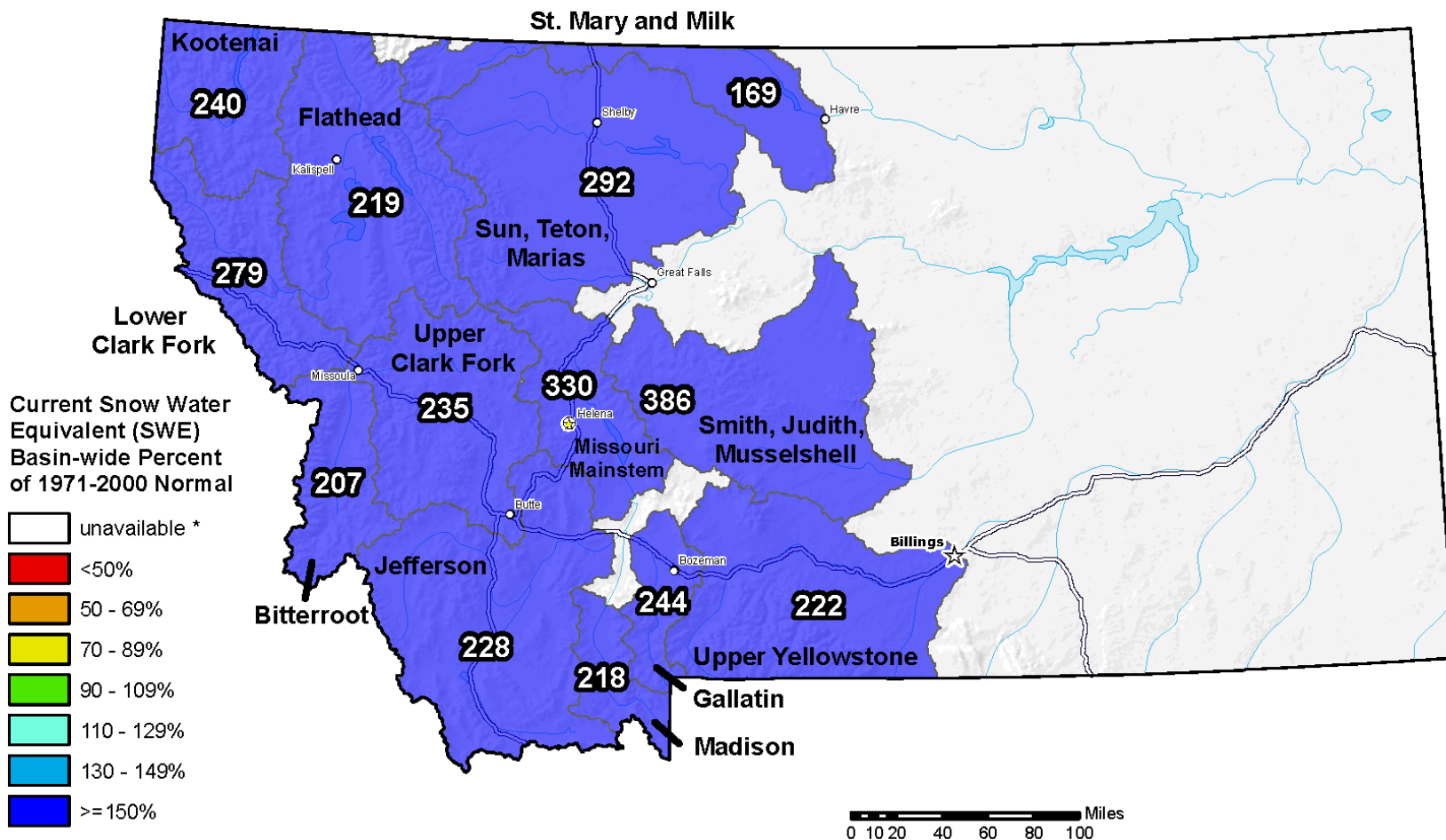


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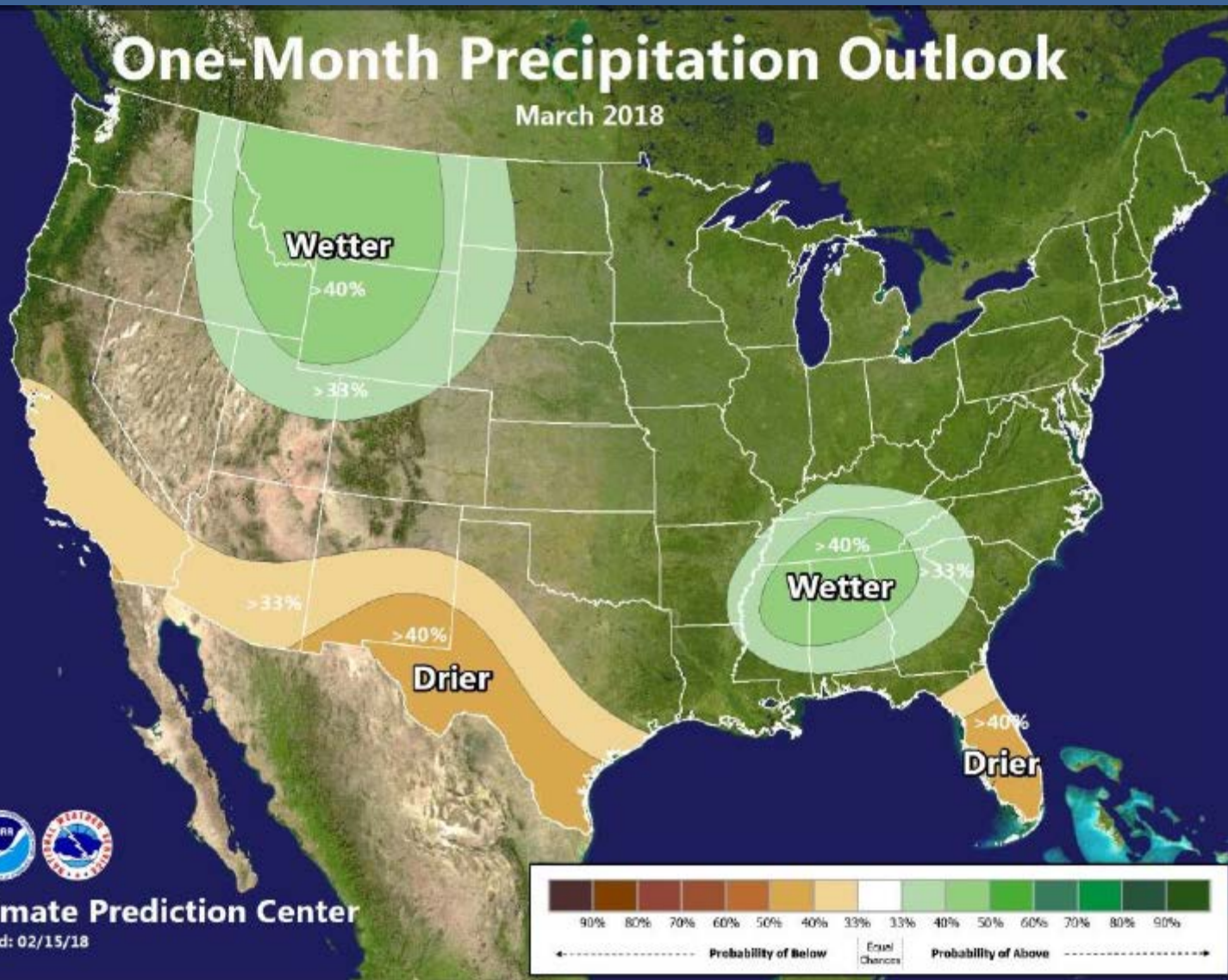


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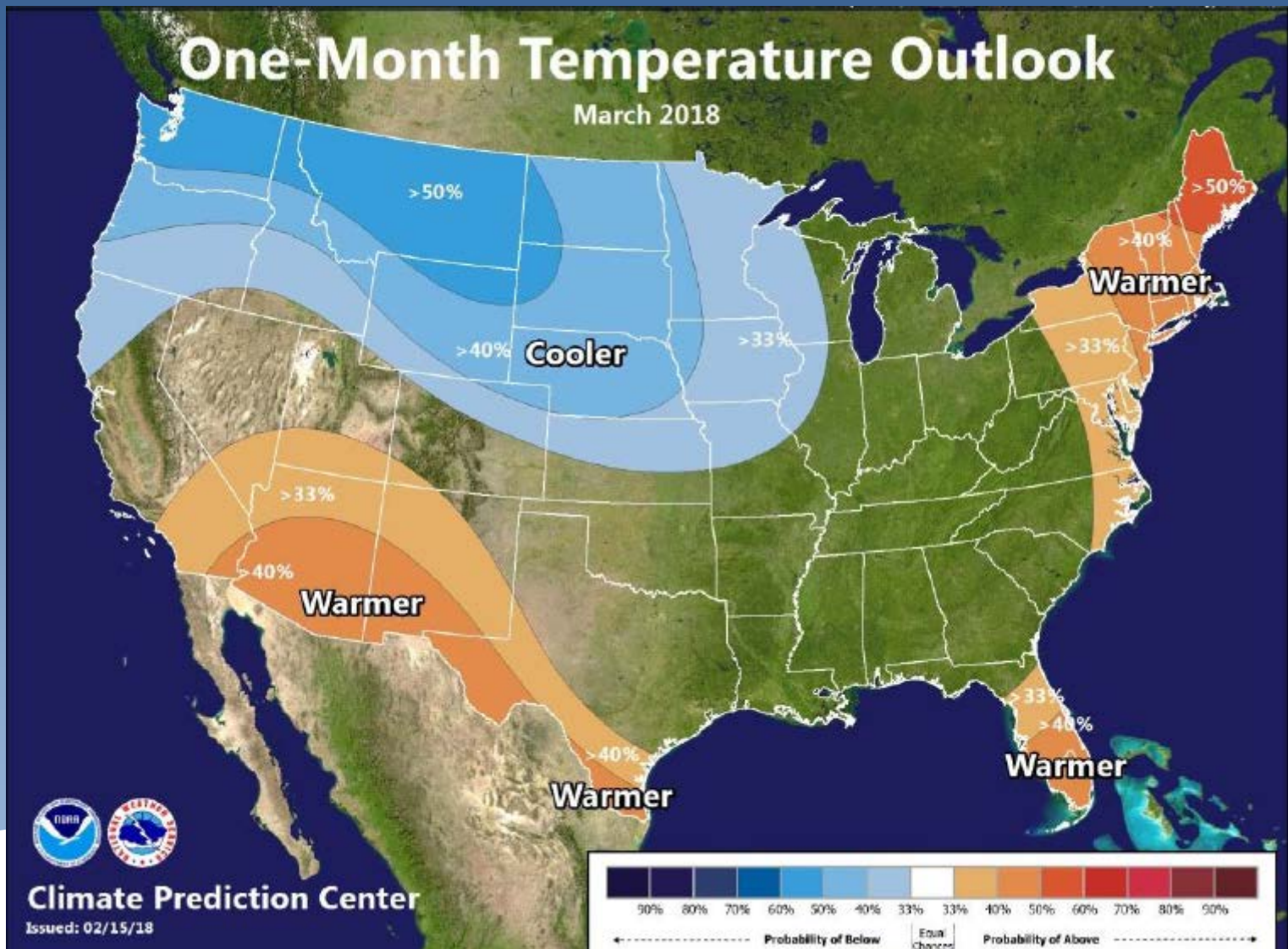
One-Month Precipitation Outlook

March 2018



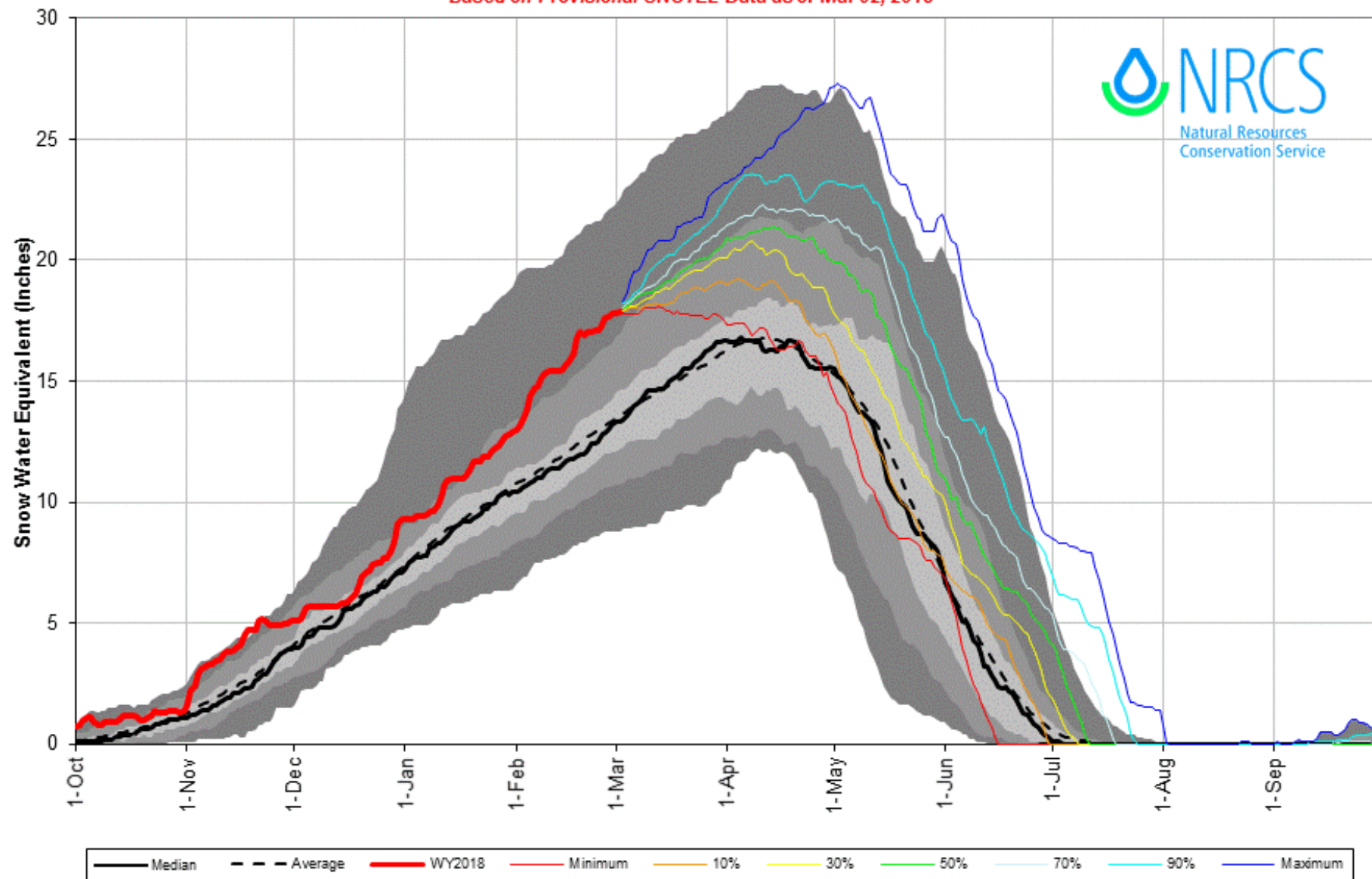
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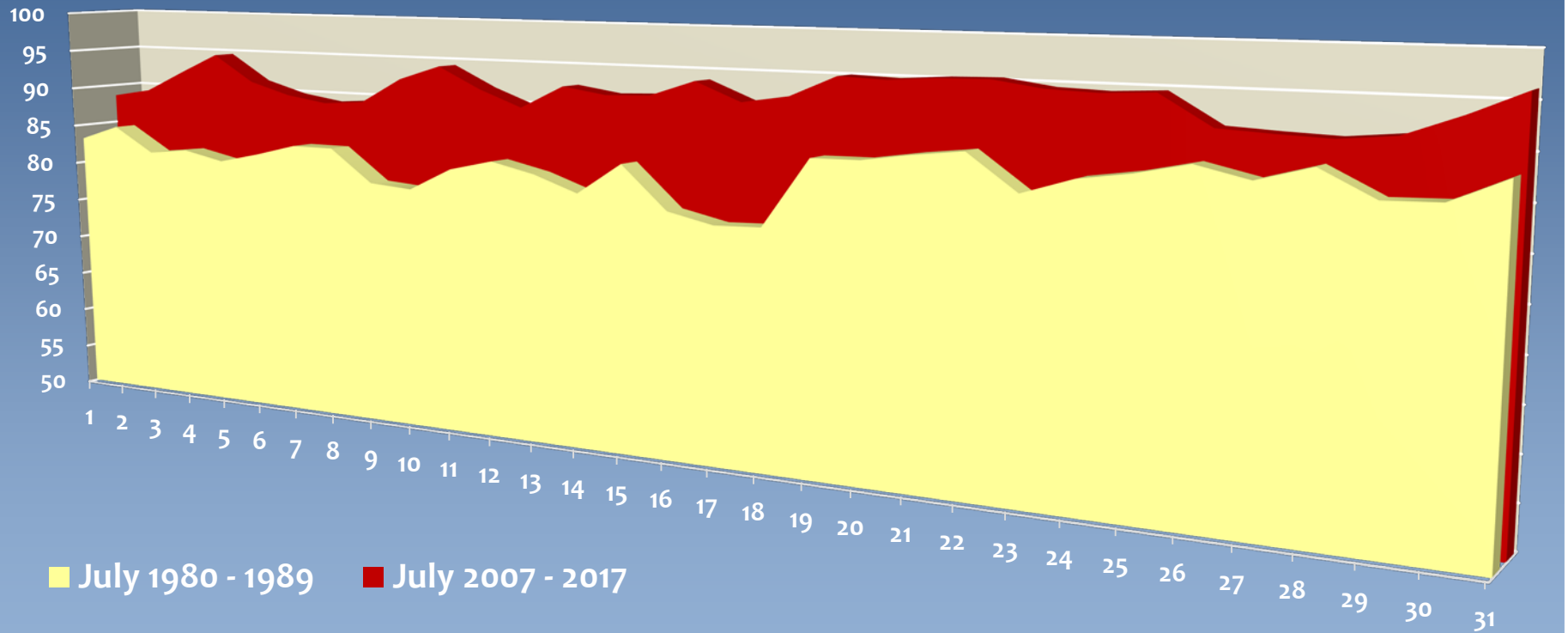


Montana Watersheds Snowpack with Non-Exceedence Projections

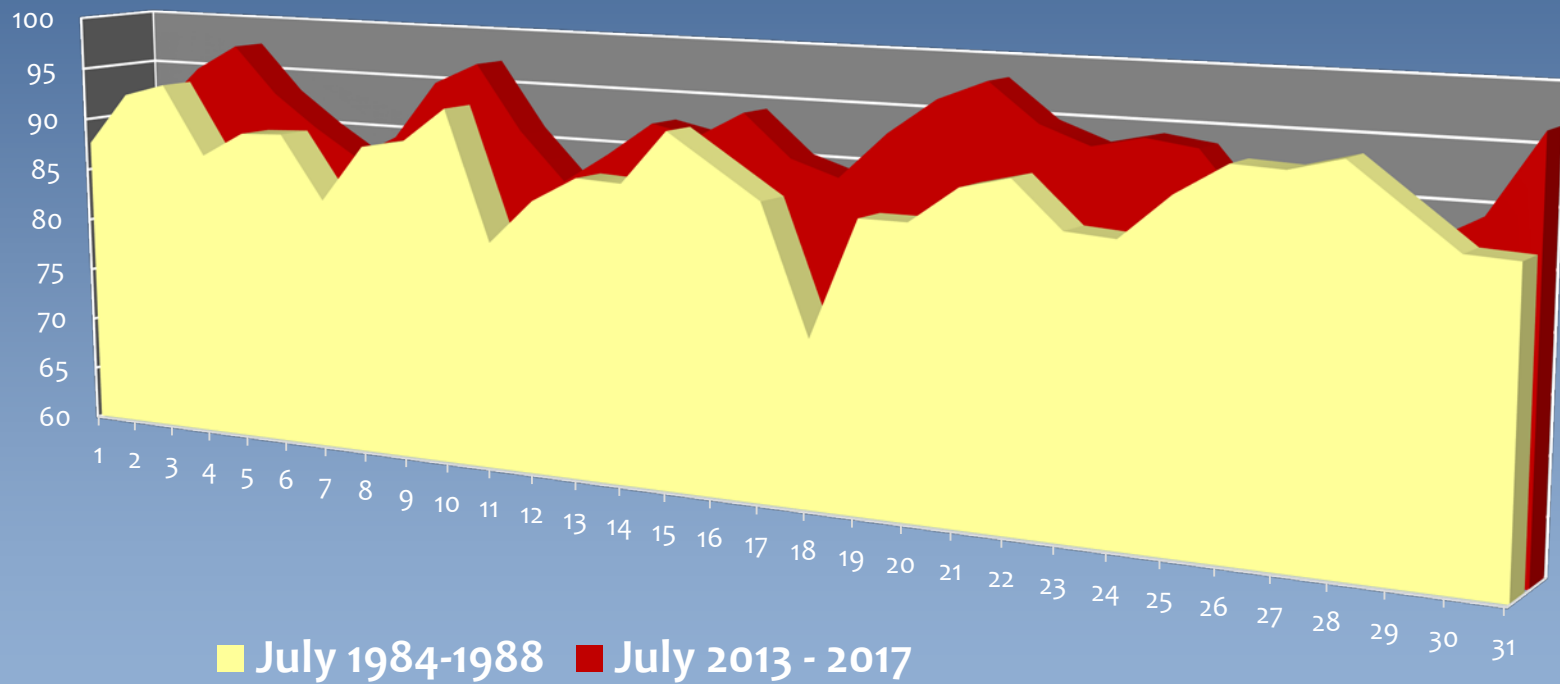
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Max/Mean Temperature by Day in July Roundup, MT 1980 - 1989 vs 2007 - 2017

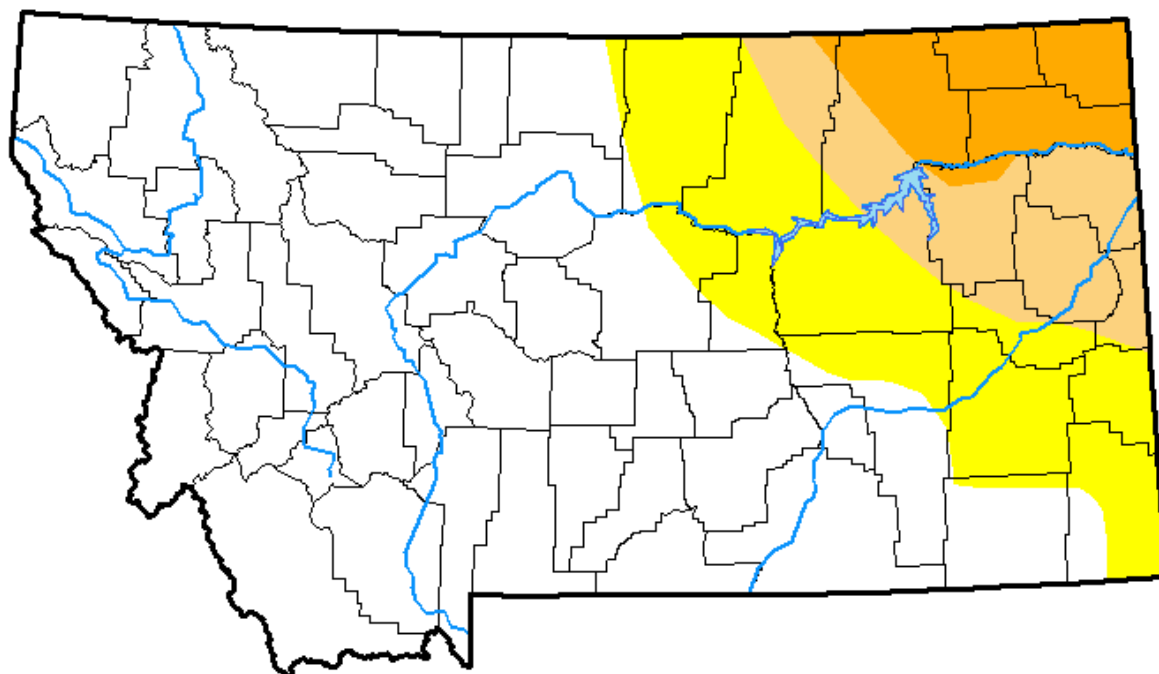


Max/Mean Temperature Roundup, MT July 1984 - 1988- vs July 2013 - 2017




U.S. Drought Monitor
Montana

February 27, 2018
(Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018)
Valid 7 a.m. EST



Intensity:

-  D0 Abnormally Dry
-  D1 Moderate Drought
-  D2 Severe Drought
-  D3 Extreme Drought
-  D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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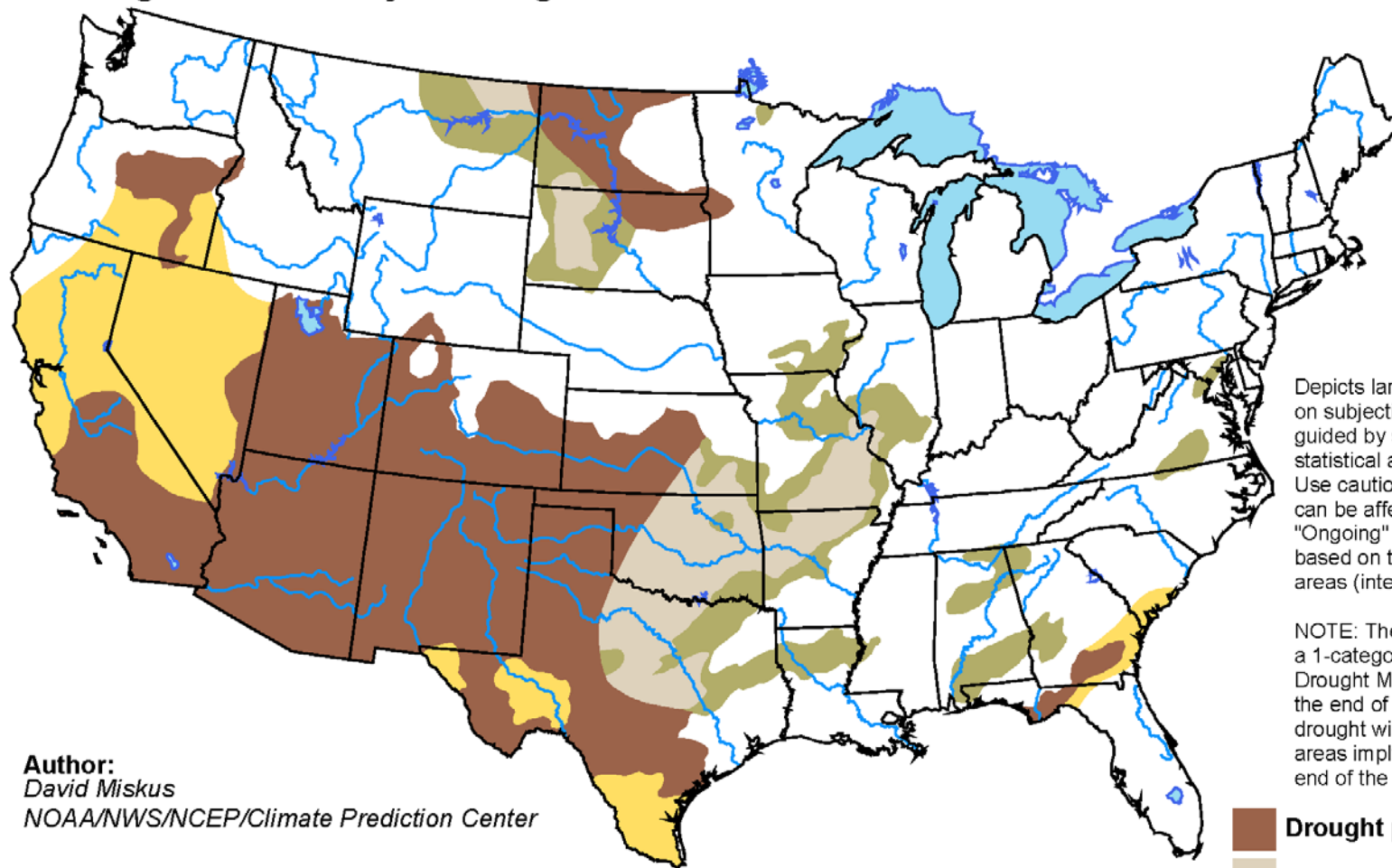


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U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for February 15 - May 31, 2018
Released February 15, 2018

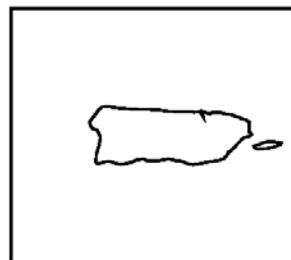
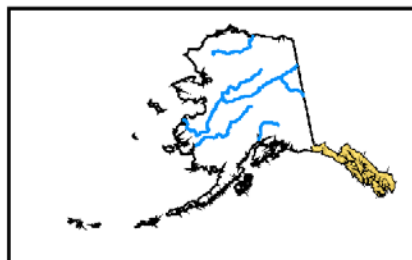


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Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

- Drought persists
- Drought remains but improves
- Drought removal likely
- Drought development likely



<http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73>



Questions/Comments?

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